

Amendments to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling noise reduction of an air conditioner, the method comprising ~~the steps of~~:

(a) stopping a compressor, when the air conditioner is stopped under the condition that the compressor and an outdoor fan are operated; and

(b) stopping the outdoor fan after a designated time after a point in time when the compressor is stopped in the step (a) elapses[.];

wherein the designated time in the step (b) is a time required to allow inner pressures of the compressor, a condenser, an expansion device and an evaporator to reach an equilibrium state.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) A method for controlling noise reduction of an air conditioner, the method comprising:

~~in which continuously operating~~ an outdoor fan ~~is continuously operated~~ for a designated time after a compressor is stopped, so as to reduce temperature and pressure of a refrigerant passing through a condenser[.];

wherein the outdoor fan is stopped after the designated time from the stoppage of the compressor elapses;

wherein the designated time is a time required to allow inner pressures of the compressor, a condenser, an expansion device and an evaporator to reach an equilibrium state.

4 - 5. (Canceled)

6. (New) An air conditioner, comprising:
- a compressor for compressing a refrigerant into a gaseous state;
 - a condenser for condensing the refrigerant passing through the compressor;
 - an expansion device for decompressing the refrigerant passing through the condenser;
 - an evaporator for evaporating the refrigerant passing through the expansion device;
- and
- an outdoor fan formed adjacent the evaporator for blowing outdoor air;
- wherein the outdoor fan is operated for a predetermined time after the compressor is stopped so as to reduce temperature and pressure of a refrigerant passing through the condenser;
- wherein the predetermined time is a time required to allow inner pressures of the compressor, the condenser, the expansion device and the evaporator to reach an equilibrium state.
7. (New) The air conditioner of claim 6, wherein the operation of the outdoor fan when the compressor is stopped allows the refrigerant passing through the condenser to be heat-exchanged with outdoor air to reduce the inner temperature and pressure of the condenser.